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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS)
FOR PERFORMING)
WIRELESS COMMUNICATION)
USING SPREAD SPECTRUM-)
FREQUENCY HOPPING)



Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents:

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 5-22243 discloses an empty channel detecting technique for effectively utilizing an empty channel in TDMA.

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An English-language abstract of the document is also enclosed.

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